

Joe M. Allbaugh, Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; Karen Hughes, Counselor to the President; Karl Rove, Senior Adviser to the President; Alberto R. Gonzales, Assistant to the President and White House Counsel; Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy Margaret Spellings and her husband, Robert; Albert Hawkins, Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Cabinet; Harriet Miers, Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary; Ashley Estes, the President's Personal Secretary; Special Assistant to the President Israel "Izzy" Hernandez; Presidential Aide Logan Walters; Deputy Assistant to the President Stuart Bowen; Vickers B. Meadows, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Patrick Henry Wood III, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and former Gov. Ann Richards of Texas.

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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#### ***December 29***

During the day, from the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee of India and President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan to urge them to take measures to ease tensions in South Asia. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to discuss the situation in South Asia.

#### ***December 31***

The President announced the appointment of Zalmay Khalilzad as Special Presidential Envoy for Afghanistan.

#### ***January 1***

The President issued an emergency declaration for areas struck by record and near-record snowfall in New York.

#### ***January 4***

In the morning, the President traveled to Austin, TX, and later returned to Crawford, TX.

The President announced his intention to nominate Steven Robert Blust to be a Commissioner of the Federal Maritime Commission and to be designated Chairman upon confirmation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Deborah Matz to be a member of the National Credit Union Administration Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark Sullivan to be U.S. Executive Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The President announced his intention to appoint Vernadette Ramirez Broyles to be a member of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

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### **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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### **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

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#### ***Released December 31***

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary on the appointment of the Special Presidential Envoy for Afghanistan

#### ***Released January 1***

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary on disaster assistance to New York

#### ***Released January 2***

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary on the designation of 35 sub-Saharan African countries as eligible for tariff preferences